Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Emergency Order No. 02-16-05

Issued at Kodiak, Alaska November 4, 2005

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.

November 7, 2005

Expiration Date: June 30, 2006

unless superseded by subsequent emergency order

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State of Alaska resident and non-resident hunting season for elk in registration permit hunt RE755 east of the main north—south logging road (1100 Road) on Afognak Island at 11:59 PM, November 7, 2005. This registration hunt area is located within Game Management Unit 8. This emergency order does not affect the elk hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 8.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.035 (a) (2), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Elk, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts

Nonresident Open Season

Units and Bag Limits

(2)

Unit 8, Eastern Afognak, that portion of Afognak Island east of the main north-south logging road (1100 road) from the Danger Bay logging camp at 58° 08.2' N. lat.,152° 32.9' W. long., north to its terminus at Discoverer Bay at 58° 19.6' N. lat., 152° 21.8' W. long., and adjacent islands west of Marmot Strait.

1 elk by drawing permit only;

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up to 500 permits will be (General hunt Only)

issued

1 elk by registration permit only Oct. 23 – Nov. 07 Oct. 23 – Nov. 07

(General Hunt Only)

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All other elk hunting regulations in the remainder of Game Management Unit 8 are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell Commissioner

by delegation to:

Lawrence J. Van Daele Kodiak Area Wildlife Biologist

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JUSTIFICATION:

This emergency order closes the elk hunting season on the eastern Afognak Island portion of registration permit hunt RE755 that encompasses the range of the Duck Mountain, Portage Lake, Seal Bay, and Tonki herds. These herds include about 300 elk, and have been increasing slowly in recent years. To maintain the stability of these herds we have set a harvest target of 40–45 elk. As of 4 November 2005 the reported harvest was 37 elk. We anticipate that during the upcoming weekend the target harvest in this area will be met. Any additional harvest beyond the closure date in this emergency order would be excessive and may jeopardize the future productivity of these herds.